HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: J.W. Ragsdale House
   Dr. J.S. Stone House
2. Historic name: ____________________________
3. Street or rural address: 607 Johnson Street
   City: Healdsburg Zip: 95448 County: ________
4. Parcel number: 002-091-11
5. Present Owner: Mortensen, Paul M. & Nellafay
   Address: 607 Johnson St.
   City: Healdsburg Zip: 95448 Ownership is: Public ________ Private ________
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Gabled Italianate
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This house with square bay under gable end has many decorative elements found in earlier eastern house plan books including heavily sawn bargeboards, brackets with drop finials, square columns with brackets and sawn lace under eaves and gables.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ________ Factual 1885
9. Architect __________________________
10. Builder __________________________
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 143 Depth 152
    or approx. acreage ________
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    08 Oct. 1982 23/00
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: ____________________________________________________________

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: _____________________________

16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: _____________________________

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: _______________________________________________________

SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

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The style of this 1885 home is typical of plans found in eastern architectural journals from 1850 to 1865, and illustrates the sometimes 20 year fashion delay between the coasts (or the conservative nature of the builder). It was built for J.W. Ragsdale, a real estate speculator and owner of the "Russian River Flag" and "Santa Rosa Republican" newspapers. He sold the home one year later to Dr. J.S. Stone, a prominent local physician. In 1890 Mrs. Catherine Byington purchased it for a summer residence, her son Charles taking it over when he married Kate Ryan in 1893. A prominent merchant, Byington also served a city trustee and Deputy County Clerk. The Byingtons lived out their lives here. Charles died in 1936, Kate in 1966.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture _________ Arts & Leisure _________
   Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement _________
   Government ___ Military _________
   Religion _________ Social/Education _________

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
   Hist. So. Co. 1937
   Asses. 1890
   1900 Census
   Trib: 8-22-1895, 2-17-16, 9-2-18
   SC Trib: 8-24-1893
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